

Remarks

This supplemental response is presented for the purpose of clarifying the position expressed in the Amendment and Response filed on September 10, 2009 with respect to US Patent 3,788,273 to Tusch et al. and the claimed invention.

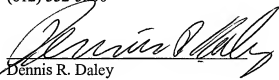
The Amendment and Response filed on September 10, 2009 describes the spray nozzle disclosed in the present application as being the source of ink mist that can potentially contaminate the spray nozzle. Subsequently, it has been learned that, in a preferred embodiment, the ink spray mist is generated from other nozzles within the printing press system and that fountain solution spraying nozzles are enclosed with separate covers to protect them from the ink spray mist. In this embodiment, the concern is not protecting the nozzles within the covers from the fountain solution spray, but protecting the nozzles from the ink spray that is generated from outside of the nozzle/cover assembly. As such, arguments presented in the previous response that focus on protecting the nozzles from ink spray generated by the nozzles themselves are not particularly relevant for the embodiment where the covers protect the nozzles from the ink spray mist generated outside the nozzle/cover assembly.

It is still believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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